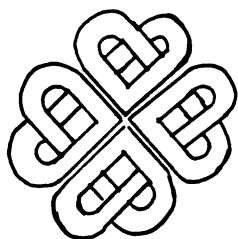




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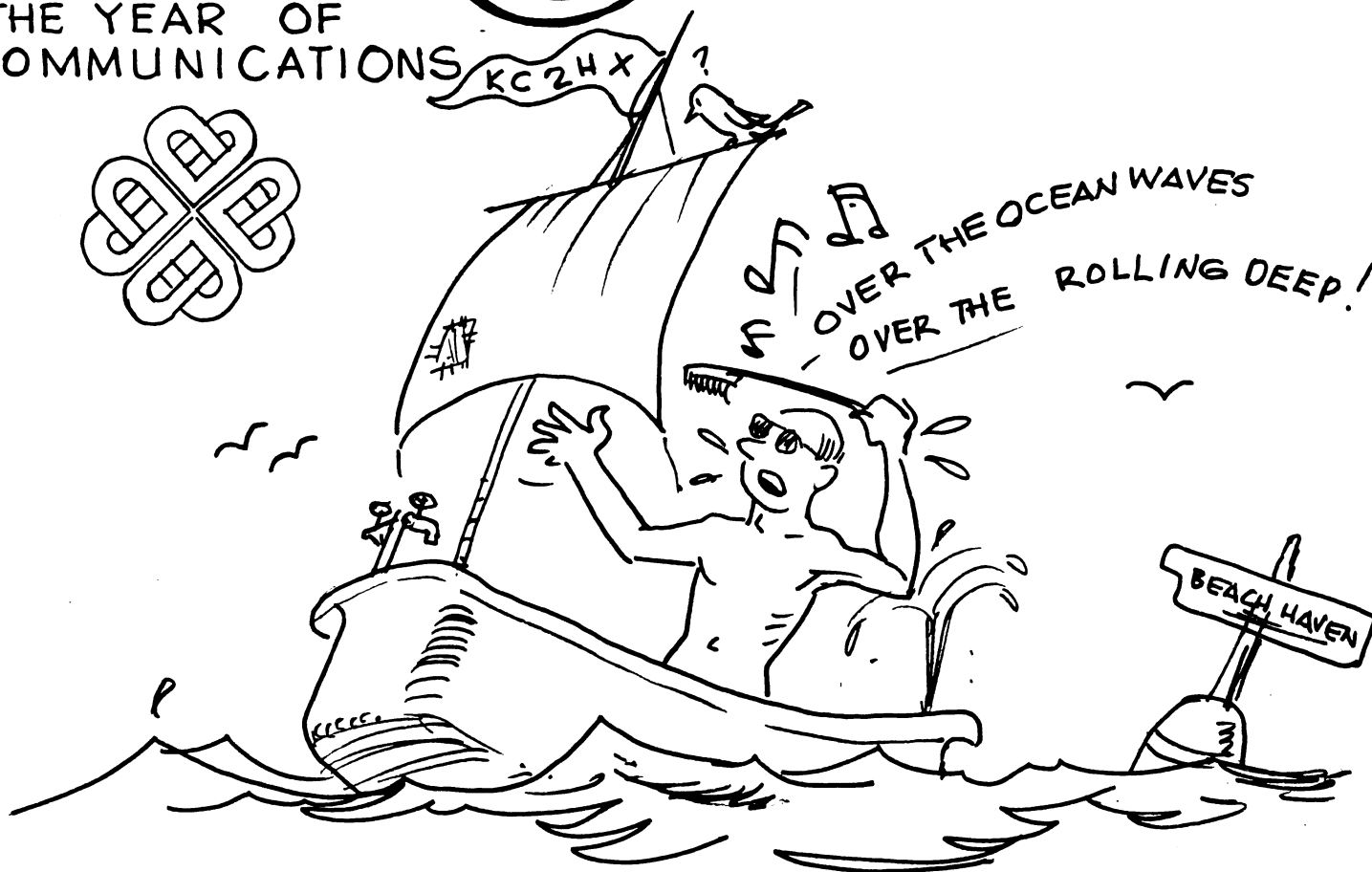


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OVER THE OCEAN WAVES
OVER THE ROLLING DEEP!

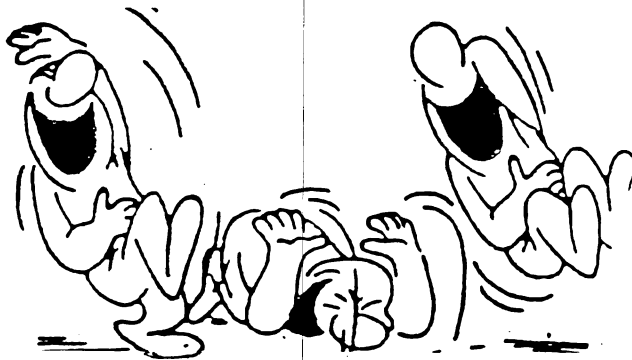


ARNIE'S EXTRAVAGANZA AT BEACH HAVEN
AUGUST 20, 1983... THE PHILMONT EPIC
OF THE YEAR. OR ANY OTHER YEAR

THE PREZ SEZ - - -

"HEY, WOODY, WHEN'S THE
DEADLINE-DEADLINE?!?!?"

-SAME PICTURE, DIFFERENT CAPTION..



"WHEN'S THE WHAAAHTT??"

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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 8:00 p.m., 147.63/03, code
practise is conducted, all
are welcome.

Sams CORNER



IT SEEMS THAT GIL-W3SRU
HAS RETURNED FROM SAUDI
ARABIA.. RUMOR HAS IT.. HE
NOW TALKS "FUNNY" NOT TO
MENTION HIS HABERDASHERY.

MAY 1983 -- GENERAL MEETING

KB3IV opened the 404th General Meeting at 8:12 on July 11th. The minutes of the June Directors' Meeting were read (somebody even had the nerve to make a correction-I just wanted to see if you people were awake) and approved. - The Treasurer's Report was missing (So was the Treasurer) - The meeting was attended by 24 members and 11 guests. (That's not a good ratio people) W3SRU (W3VVS & KC2HX were also missing) introduced: W3AYJ, N3CQY, N3DFB, W3JTA, KA3KSA, K3VXU, KA3IPI, K3CKC, K3DYU, N3ADK & N6IFK - WB3KOJ, subbing for N3ADI, (another missing person) reported on Phil-Monts' Field Day effort - "The pepper and egg sandwiches were great". Ed recognized the fine work of N3ADI, WB3KAC & W3PWG, who were active for the entire 24 hour period. - Ed informed the club that the new VHF/UHF antenna has been installed at W3TKQ. - W3SRU (he wasn't missing) read a letter addressed to the club from The Phila/Valley Forge Trail Committee thanking us for our help at their Bike-a-Thon - W3BBB explained the workings of Paddle-Rama - KB3IV acting in place of the Social Chairman asked the group to respond to KC2HX's food list in the June Blurb. (Rumour has it that W3BBB will try a hard shell crab this year...believe that and I have a bridge for sale) Ed also announced that the "Tubing on the Delaware" party will be held on August 6th. Contact W3IIM. (He was also missing) The clambake will be held on September 10th. - N6IFK, Ken, offered to conduct CPR class (don't get your hopes up, practice is on a dummy) for any interested groups. - The meeting was turned over to WB3CMM, who conducted the program on new equipment. W3AWH (always "in-step"), W3GIF, WB3HYB & WA3KLR showed new rigs and fielded questions. - Ed adjourned the meeting at 10:07. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gordon-WB3KOJ

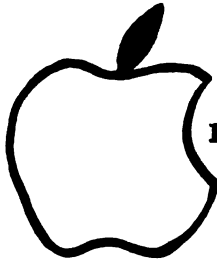
HEY, ERNIE, IT'S CLAMBAKE TIME, AGAIN

Phil-Mont's Annual Clambake will again be held at SHEARER'S Bar-Be-Cue Ranch near Reading, on 10 September. Come and join with the members of the Delmont and Reading clubs for a day of family fun. This year, with our Phormidable Phil-Mont Phlingers all decked out in their brand-new Phil-Mont T-shirts, we'll field the winning team (unless we forget to bring our gloves, etc.). Don't forget to bring your HT's for our mini-fox-hunt, and, of course, BRING YOUR APPETITES!!

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Let's have a r-e-a-l-l-y b-e-e-g turnout this year. The continuation of this event depends on it! Tentative plans are being made to have next year's nearer Philadelphia. All suggestions appreciated, FINAL COUNT must be in by 02 Sept. This is the only notice you will get in The BLURB. Time; 1pm - dusk. Talk-in - 146.91/31. CONTACT W3IGW, W3IIM, W3IIN, W3SRU and ~~kb3iv~~.



BYTES FROM THE APPLE

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02-Thomas O. Bohlander - WA3KLR
04-George W. K. King - W3PXY
05-Ruth Anderson (XYL WA2RDC)
-Rolland E. Madara - W3PWG
-Kitty Trout-KA3BDU (XYL W3IGW)
11-Dot McQueen (XYL W3PCX)
12-Roy P. Kenworthy - W3HNP
14-Pat Mescanti (XYL WB3CMM)
15-Darthea Burton (XYL K3BB)
*****HAPPY BIRTHDAY*****

17-Jacob S. Kovalcheck, JR. - AK2I
20-Leon S. Greenwood - N3AVE
22-John M. Muroff - W3SAI
25-Frank T. Whitten - K3TEF
-Allan Witherup - W3KL
27-Doris Hamilton - KA3KSA (XYL
W3GIF)
28-Mel Bennett (XYL WA3UAL)
-Gordon Lusky - W3APD
30-Paul H. Bohlander - W3VVS

N3ADI & K3GBA - IFA YOUA GUYS WANA KEEPA TALKING ONA DA RADIO, YOUA
BETTER RENEWA YOUR LICENSES. DAY IS NOA GOOD AFATER DISAA MONTH!

HAVE YOU MOVED, GOTTEN MARRIED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER, RENEWED
YOUR LICENSE OR ARRL MEMBERSHIP? IF SO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE
CHANGE; BY PHONE, BY MAIL OR ON THE AIR -DE WB3KOJ

PHIL-MONT'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 1 REGULAR MEETING at the Franklin Institute. Mark you well, gentlemen, as
this is the last regular meeting for six (6) 1-o-n-g weeks.
20 The ANNUAL BATH @ The Imperial Wizard's Summer Palace. Don't forget to
let KC2HX & Co. in on the information as to who and what is(are) going to Beach Haven.

2m NCS's - 07-KB3IV, 14-K3PHC, 21-WB3CMM, 28-W3SRU & 04Sept-W3AA(Ithink)

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All of the next two pages are from THE ARRL LETTER published by the ARRL.

The prohibition against business communications in the amateur service has been clarified by Commission Order, according to an FCC news release dated June 30. FCC rules Section 97.114 prohibits business third-party traffic. However, the Commission decided to add a new section to Part 97 that explicitly prohibits business communications in general. The term "business communication" will also be defined in Section 97.3. Business communication in this instance includes all types of communications intended to facilitate the regular commercial affairs of any party, individual or organization. Amateur communications which benefit the public, such as medical emergencies, are exempt from this rule. Another new section emphasizes that international amateur communications must be limited to personal remarks and technical exchanges. These amendments will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

ARRL CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST NO-CODE

The ARRL filed its arguments against the FCC's proposed no-code amateur license (P.R. Docket 83-28) on June 28.

The ARRL comments are in six sections, starting out with a criticism of the Commission's rather deceiving structure of 83-28. The League points out that the no-code proposal is a classic example of a "catch-22 situation." In the first part of the NPRM, the FCC asks whether or not a codeless amateur license should exist. The second part of the Commission's proposal asks what the nature and extent of privileges this new type of license should have. Answering this second part of the

proposal would make anyone against the no-code license appear to accept or even advocate a no-code license. One wonders how many opponents of the no-code license fell into the Commission's trap by making suggestions to something they did not agree with!

Part two of the League's comments states that the League, its members and the amateur community, in general, strongly oppose any sort of codeless amateur license. The Commission's no-code amateur license idea is not new. The League further states that this is an
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K7UGA SUPPORTS LEAGUE

Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, has notified FCC Chairman Mark Fowler that he is in full support of the ARRL's stand against the no-code proposal. His letter, dated June 29, is reprinted here.

The Honorable Mark Fowler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mark:

You are by now in the possession of comments of the ARRL relative to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Docket 83-28. I completely support

these comments. I feel it would be a grave mistake to remove the code as a license requirement and I believe I have already outlined my opinions sufficiently to you that to elaborate now is not needed.

Your concern in this matter is greatly appreciated and I await your response.

With best wishes,

/s/

Barry Goldwater

(no-code continued)

especially inappropriate time to introduce any new form of license, because of the pending volunteer examination proposal. The volunteer exam proposal is in PR Docket No. 83-27. (See QST for June 1983 p. 60)

The ARRL at first maintained a fairly neutral position on the no-code issue, in order to allow the amateur community to come to its own opinions either for or against the Commission's no-code proposal.

This effort was made at some cost to the League. Some members resigned their memberships, believing that the League's initial neutral stand on the FCC proposed no-code license meant that the ARRL might eventually support the proposal. Because of so much opposition to the codeless amateur license, the ARRL Board of Directors at its April meeting (Vol. 2, No. 9) resolved to fight the no-code issue "in the strongest possible manner."

The third part of the League's arguments against the no-code license points out that the benefits of a codeless license are "illusory and insubstantial." The Commission believes that the codeless license will attract young, computer-oriented individuals to ham radio. It should be plainly seen that an interest in computers does not necessarily mean that there is an interest in ham radio, and vice-versa.

The Commission also seems to believe that the elimination of the Morse requirement will assist handicapped individuals in participating in Amateur Radio.

This is simply not true. There are many instances in which physically handicapped individuals, not necessarily hams, communicate via the Morse code. Attached to the League's comments were two newspaper articles about handicapped individuals who are able to communicate only by using Morse code. The Morse code is an international, universally understood language. It is a language that breaks all barriers to the handicapped, enabling the handicapped individual to converse with all other radio amateurs on an equal basis. Rather than being an advantage for handicapped individuals, a codeless license would create a class of amateurs who would not be able to communicate with these individuals. Many of these same handicapped hams lead useful and productive lives providing valuable public ser-

vice and emergency communications.

Moreover, handicapped applicants have expressed their desire not to be given special treatment or dispensation of the basic qualifications of an amateur license.

The benefits and advantages of the Morse code are brought up in the League's fourth argument. CW communications use the least amount of spectrum space, all language barriers are eliminated, communications reliability is enhanced and the Amateur Radio Service is the only national reserve of trained communicator/technicians skilled in the Morse code.

Fifth, the League critiques the Canadian and Japanese versions of a no-code license. The Commission fails to see that the Canadian digital license has attracted only about 150 new amateurs in its four-year history. The Japanese no-code license, which, by the way, is in violation of International Telecommunication Union regulations, has resulted in problems with overcrowding, violation of power limitations, TVI and RFI, and a tendency for newcomers to lose interest in ham radio after about a year. ITU regulations prohibit operation on the hf bands without knowledge of Morse code. There is little interest in upgrading. Moreover, there is little participation in the public service aspect of Amateur Radio in Japan, compared with the public service U.S. amateurs provide.

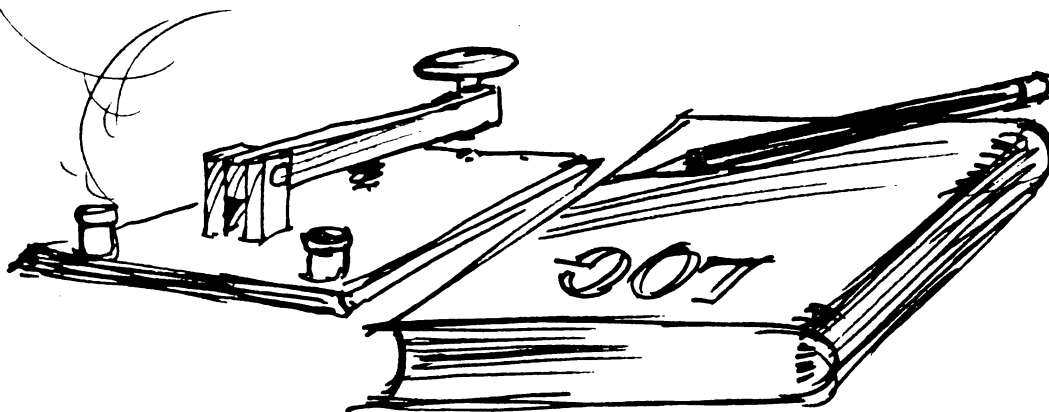
Sixth, the League states that knowledge of the Morse code requirement is a major factor in the history of rule compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. The pride and discipline needed to learn the code necessary to become an amateur results in appreciation of privileges on radio frequencies. We all know of the problems that have come about after the Commission created the Citizens Band Radio Service (CB).

National confidence in public education systems is suffering, caused in part by the lack of discipline and challenge of school curricula. Automatic promotions and underachievers that exist in the nation's schools exist in other fields of endeavor. Yet this is not occurring in Amateur Radio. The Amateur Radio Service still maintains a high level of entrance standards. To lower these standards risk devaluating the amateur service.

The ARRL is presently working on reply comments, which are due by July 28.

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